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SUBJECT: INCIDENTS AT SEA AGREEMENT - THIRD ANNUAL REVIEW

1. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE IS PREPARING TO HOST THIRD ANNUAL REVIEW TALKS FOR INCIDENTS AT SEA AGREEMENT. PRESENT PLANS ARE TO UTILIZE FACILITIES AT INDUSTRIAL COLLEGE OF THE ARMED FORCES FOR APPROXIMATELY TEN WORKING DAYS OF TALKS DURING COLLEGE'S STUDENT TOUR RECESS, MAY 12 TO 26.

2. FYI: DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE ALSO (TENTATIVELY) PLANS TO INVITE SOVIET DELEGATION TO VISIT AN OPERATING AIRCRAFT CARRIER AT SEA DURING VISIT. DOD WILL PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PROPOSED CARRIER VISIT TO DAO MOSCOW WELL IN ADVANCE OF TALKS TO FACILITATE ISSUANCE OF FORMAL INVITATION TO SOVIET DELEGATION AND COORDINATE ACCEPTANCE WITH FLEET OPERATING SCHEDULES. END FYI.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD PRESENT AIDE MEMOIRE TO SOVIETS ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES PROPOSES THAT THE THIRD ANNUAL REVIEW OF THE AGREEMENT ON THE PREVENTION OF INCIDENTS ON AND OVER THE

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HIGH SEAS BE CONDUCTED FOR A PERIOD OF APPROXIMATELY TEN DAYS, BEGINNING MAY 12, 1975, IN WASHINGTON. THE

UNITED STATES PROPOSES AS THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING:

1. A REVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE AGREEMENT BY THE NAVIES OF BOTH COUNTRIES DURING THE PERIOD MAY 1974 THROUGH MAY 1975.
2. A REVIEW OF THE USE BY BOTH NAVIES OF THE SPECIAL SIGNALS DEVELOPED FOR USE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT.
3. THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE NAVY-TO-NAVY COMMUNICATIONS CHANNEL FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AGREEMENT.
4. DATE AND LOCATION OF FUTURE MEETINGS.

THE MEMBERS OF THE U.S. DELEGATION WILL BE AS FOLLOWS:

VICE ADMIRAL HARRY D. TRAIN, II, USN
REAR ADMIRAL PATRICK J. HANNIFIN, USN
REAR ADMIRAL S. R. FOLEY, USN
CAPTAIN R. E. GARDNER, USN
CAPTAIN J. S. HURT, USN
CAPTAIN MATTHEW F. PASZTALANIEC, USN, DEPT OF STATE
COLONEL ROBERT OAKS, USAF
COMMANDER EDWARD J. MELANSON, USN
MR. FRANZ H. MISCH, DEPT OF STATE

THE UNITED STATES REQUESTS THAT THE SOVIET SIDE CONFIRM THAT THE SUGGESTED MEETING DATES ARE ACCEPTABLE AND SIGNIFY ANY ADDITIONS DESIRED FOR THE AGENDA. UNQUOTE.

4. ALONG WITH THE EMBASSY'S REPORTING OF SOVIET RESPONSE TO NOTE, DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION REGARDING SOVIET APPROACH TO TALKS WHICH MAY BE RECEIVED FROM MOSCOW CONTACTS. MAW

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